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## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General, United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Smallpox at Las Cruces, Las Vegas, and Deming, New Mexico.*

[Telegram.]

LAS CRUCES, N. MEX., *December 9, 1898.*

SIR: Health officer reports 44 smallpox cases here and in vicinity. Total since June, 428. Deaths, 166. Most cases among Mexicans—Spreading. It is epidemic in Las Vegas, and vicinity. Local officer here working under difficulty. Lack of funds and insufficient law.  
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COBB,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

[Telegram.]

DEMING, N. MEX., *December 11, 1898.*

SIR: Smallpox is now epidemic in this (Grant) county along the Mimbres River, and near Silver City. No definite information to number, but thought to be over 25 now. Has existed for several months. Many cases and deaths, among Mexicans only. Few cases among Americans. Practically no precautions taken.

COBB,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Smallpox in Bedford, Pa., and vicinity.*

[Telegram.]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *December 12, 1898.*

SIR: Smallpox status in Bedford and suburbs within 1½ miles, December 11: 20 cases—12 within borough limits and 8 outside. Houses